persons were able to find suitable employment? May I also know what were the steps taken to recover the money due from them and the steps taken to write off the amount due from those unable to repay the loan? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Perhaps an enquiry of the sort suggested by the hon. Member will involve an expenditure of another few lakhs of rupees. Instead of doing that, each case can be considered on its own merits when the time for recovery comes."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, on a previous occasion when this question was raised on the floor of this House it was stated that the entire amount was advanced by the Government of India as an immediate relief measure for the refugees from Burma, Malaya and other places outside India. It was also stated that the Government of Madras was only doing the collection work on behalf of the Government of India and the expenditure in this respect was met by the Government of India. Under these circumstances will the Government consider discontinuing taking further proceedings against those who are not able to pay the amount at this time? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have not got the facts regarding the source from where the money came. But apart from that we cannot disown responsibility for collection of the amount simply because the money came from the Government of India. Wherever it is not possible to recover the amount, certainly it will be written off."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, may I know which Government initiated the idea of granting these loans; is it the Central Government or the State Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is the Central Government Sir, who formulated the scheme of financial assistance during war time."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in issuing coercive process under civil law certain movables and income up to a certain limit are exempt from attachment. Is the same procedure followed in recovering debts due in this matter also? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think this will come under the Revenue Recovery Act and all provisions in that Act will be applicable to in the recovery of these loans. But individual hard cases are certainly considered and wherever it is desirable, the amount is written of."

B.C.G. Vaccination

* 1681 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government recently conducted a campaign of B.C.G. vaccination in the towns of Coimbatore and Kozhikode;

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(b) how many were given B.C.G. vaccination; and

(c) how does the result in both places compare with regard to immunity from tuberculosis?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The number of persons who were vaccinated with B.C.G. in the towns of Coimbatore and Kozhikode (including the belt areas of municipalities up to a radius of 5 to 6 miles) are 168,543 and 47,751 respectively.

" (c) It is not possible to judge the degree of immunity from the results of B.C.G. vaccination. All that can be said is that the prevalence of tuberculosis infection is higher in Kozhikode town than in Coimbatore."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it a fact that 75 per cent of the cases in Kozhikode showed resistance to this vaccination which means they are already infected at least to some extent with the T.B. Bacilli? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already said that the infection rate is higher in Kozhikode than in Coimbatore."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Government be pleased to extend this campaign to panchayats and villages in Malabar district? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In the first round the district headquarters towns and cities and belt areas are being taken up. In the second round smaller municipalities and major urban areas will be taken up. The villages will be covered in the third round."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" When do the Government propose to extend this campaign to the municipalities in Tanjore district? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" By the end of this year all the district headquarters municipalities will be covered, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are Government giving any special batta or allowance to the Health Inspectors who are deputed to Kozhikode and distant places from their headquarters in view of the fact that they are working for more hours and also in new places? ".

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Some extra allowance has recently been sanctioned."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" May I know whether re-tests
8-50 a.m. were conducted after the B.C.G. vaccination and what was the result? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, a few re-tests may be done after vaccination."

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Sri M. P. SUBRAMANYAM :—" May I know whether it is due to want of sufficient supply of B.C.G. vaccine or sufficient trained men, that the Government are unable to extend the scheme throughout the State immediately."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" It cannot be done immediately. It must be done by stages progressively. As I said, all the district headquarters towns and cities and also the belt areas will be covered by the end of this year."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister has stated that the incidence is higher in Kozhikode than in Coimbatore. Will he be pleased to give the degree of the incidence? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Among the cases where tuberculin testing was done, it was 73·1 per cent positive in the Kozhikode Municipality as against 60 per cent in Coimbatore, and in the belt areas it was 55;7 per cent in Kozhikode as against 49·7 per cent in Coimbatore belt areas."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" It is a well-known fact that tuberculosis is mostly due to undernourishment. If so, besides giving the B.C.G. vaccination, will the Government come forward to offer food and monetary help to the persons who have been vaccinated with B.C.G."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir, it is an impractical suggestion that the hon. Member has made. I am surprised at it. It is no doubt true that better feeding and better housing are the principal measures required for controlling tuberculosis. But the B.C.G. is one of the control measures for it in the circumstances in which we are placed now."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Has the Hon. Minister any information about the incidence of this disease with reference to sex and age? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" No such survey has been done to enable us to arrive at correct figures regarding this matter."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" The Hon. Minister has given information regarding the number of people who got themselves vaccinated in Kozhikode and Coimbatore. Could he also give information regarding the number of people who did not offer themselves for vaccination in those two places or the percentage of people who got themselves vaccinated in those two places? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Only persons between the age of 1 and 25 are usually tested because people when they grow older become resistant by natural process to this disease. When they get infection, they develop resistance."